



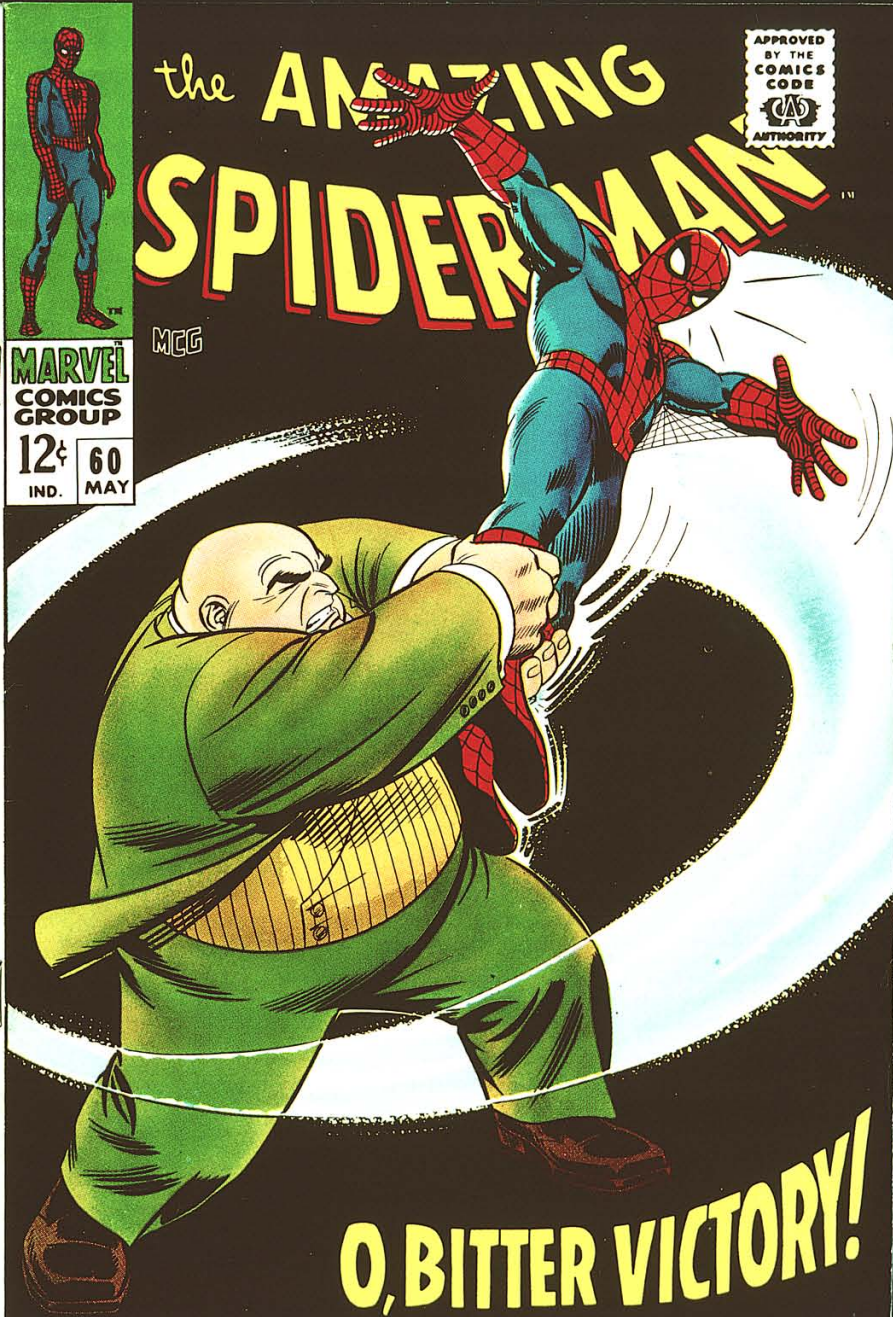
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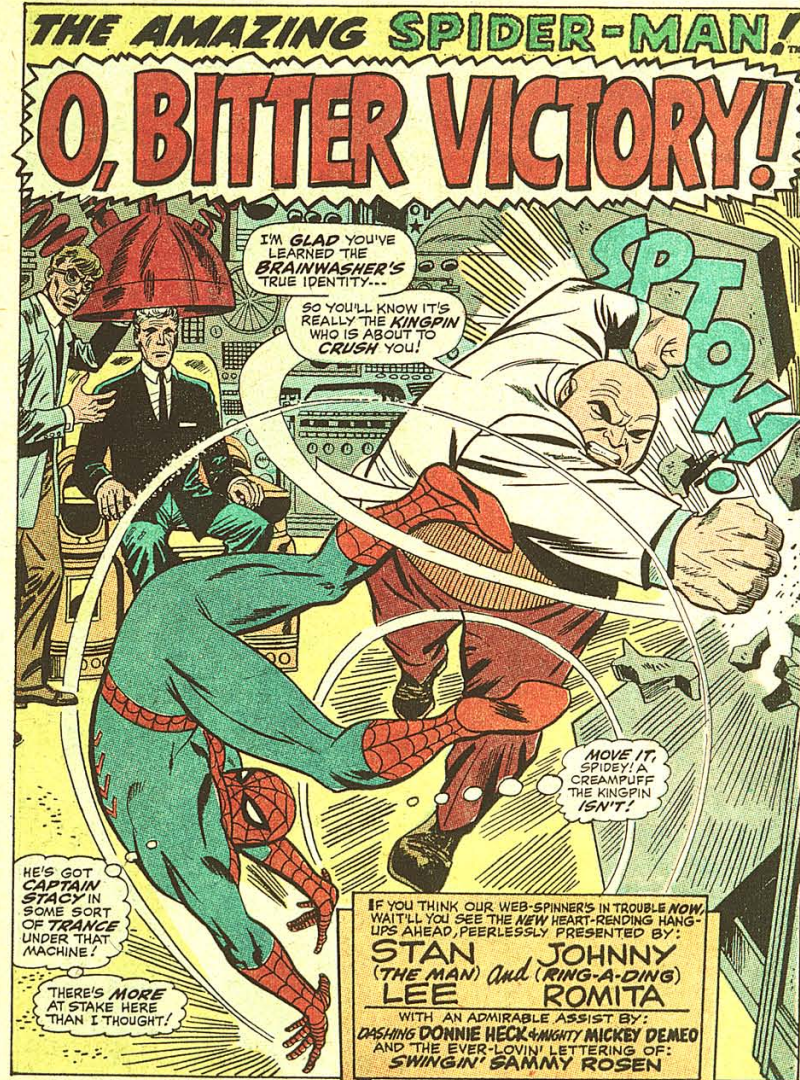
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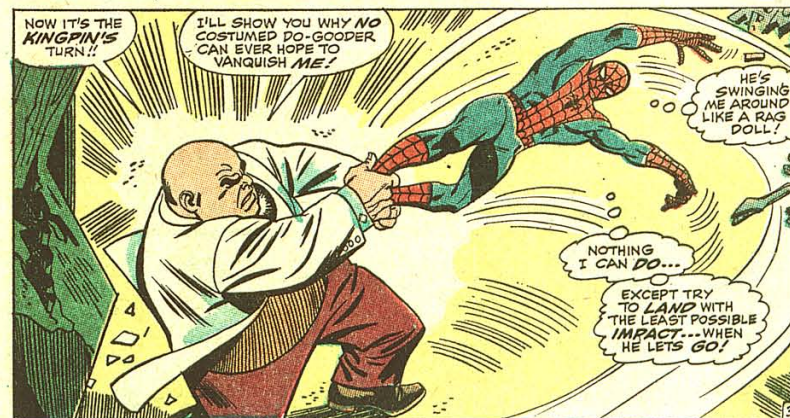
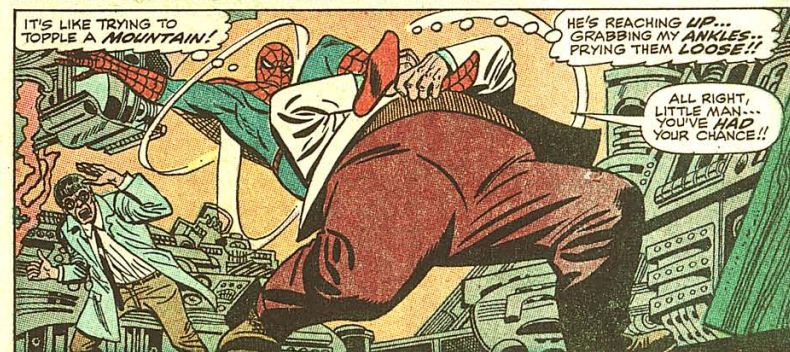
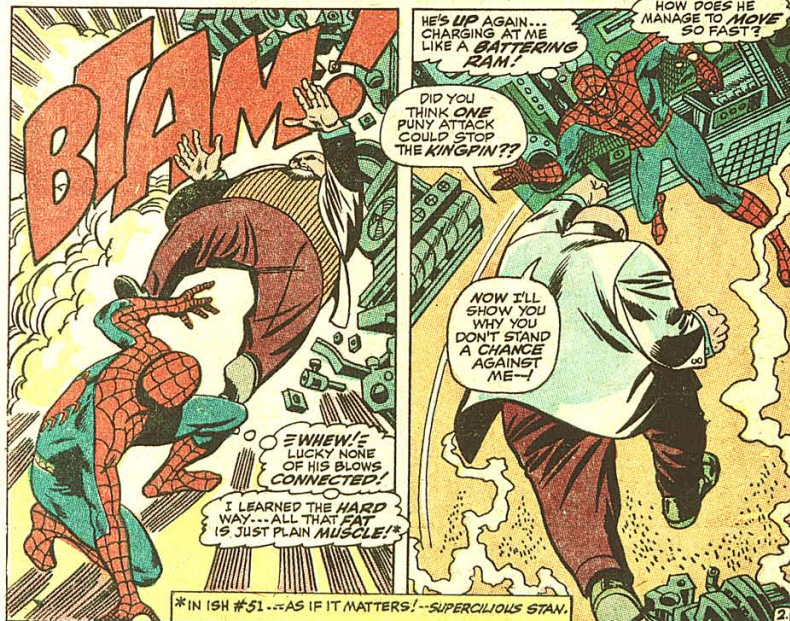
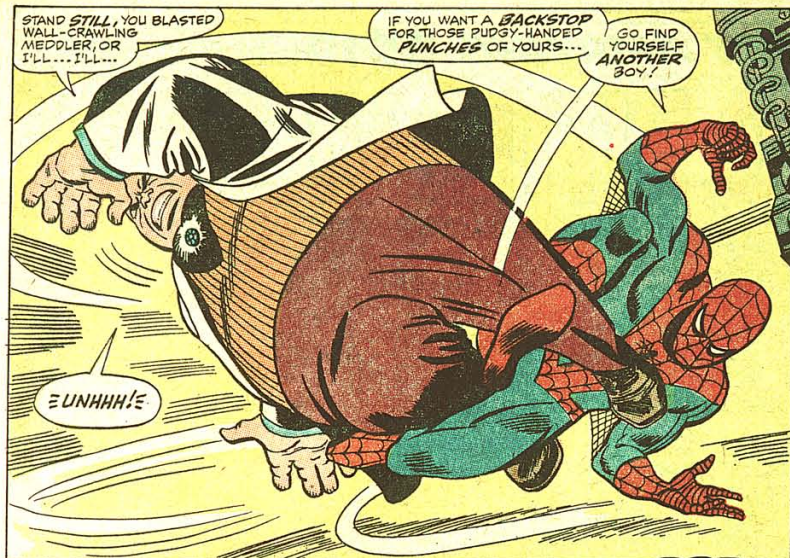
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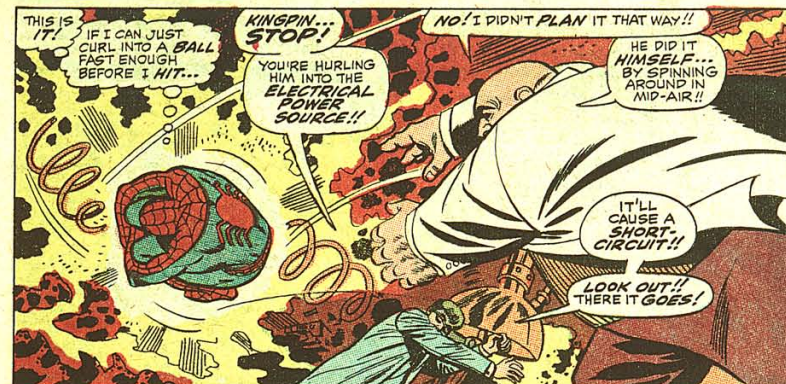
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PERFECTLY!

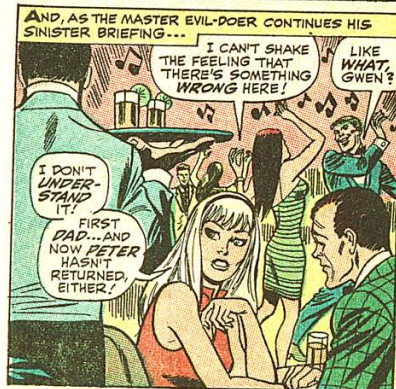
IN A MATTER OF SECONDS
HE'LL BE OUR UNWITTING,
TOTALLY-OBEDIENT TOOL!



NOW...
REPEAT
AFTER
ME,
STACY...

THE KINGPIN
IS MY MASTER!
I WILL OBEY...
HIS ORDERS!

THE KINGPIN...IS
MY MASTER!
...I WILL OBEY...
HIS ORDERS...



AND, AS THE MASTER EVIL-DOER CONTINUES HIS
SINISTER BRIEFING...

I CAN'T SHAKE
THE FEELING THAT
THERE'S SOMETHING
WRONG HERE!

LIKE
WHAT,
GWEN?

I DON'T
UNDER-
STAND
IT!
FIRST
DAD...AND
NOW PETER
HASN'T
RETURNED,
EITHER!



GWEN!
WHERE'S
YOUR
FATHER?

THERE'S SOMETHING
HAPPENING OUTSIDE...
SOMETHING HE
SHOULD KNOW!

MJ! YOU
LOOK AS
TROUGH
YOU'VE
SEEN A
GHOST!

I'VE GOT
TO SEE
HIM!

WHAT
IS IT, GIRL?
SPEAK UP!



I WAS BACKSTAGE...AND I
SAW A FIGHT...THEN ONE
OF THE MEN GRABBED ME...
USING ME AS A SHIELD...

A SHIELD! AGAINST
WHAT??

AGAINST
SPIDER-MAN!
LIKE...IT WAS
HIM THEY
WERE FIGHT-
ING!



I'M SURE THAT...
THERE'S NOTHING...
TO WORRY ABOUT...
YOUNG LADY!

OH! CAPTAIN
STACY!...I
DIDN'T KNOW
YOU WERE
THERE!

DAD! YOU'RE
BACK!
YOU'RE ALL
RIGHT!
I WAS GETTING
SO WORRIED.

WORRIED?
...ABOUT
WHAT??



ABOUT YOU, YOU HANDSOME
CREATURE!

ABOUT THE
MOST WONDER-
FUL FATHER
ANY FORTUNATE
FEMALE EVER
HAD!

BUT,
THAT FIGHT
I SAW...YOU
SAID IT WAS
LIKE NO-
WHERE?



YOU MAY ALL REST ASSURED...
THERE IS NOTHING...TO BE
CONCERNED ABOUT!

AND NOW...LET'S FINISH
ENJOYING OUR DINNER...
AND THE DELIGHTFUL
SHOW!

I HOPE...YOU
WILL DANCE FOR
US AGAIN, YOUNG
LADY!

YOU
KNOW
IT, MAN!



DAD...I STILL DON'T
UNDERSTAND!

IF MJ SAW A FIGHT
BACKSTAGE...INVOLVING
SPIDER-MAN...IT
MUST BE SOMETHING
SERIOUS!

AND PETER WENT
BACK THERE! WHY
HASN'T HE RETURNED?

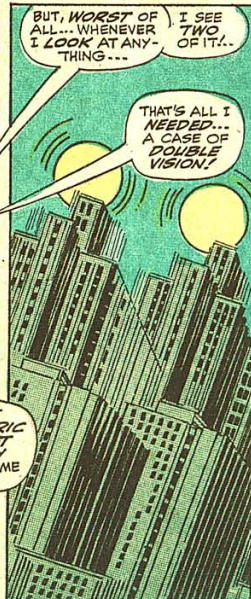
YOU KNOW
HIM!
GWEN!

HE'S PROBABLY
ON THE TRAIL OF
SOME NEWS
PIX!



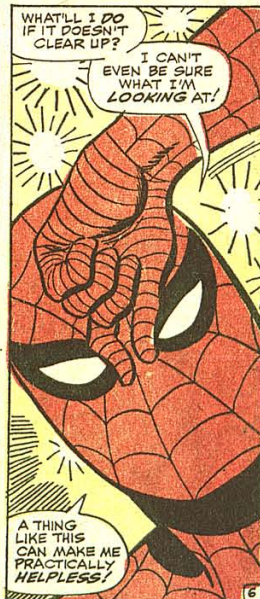
BUT, ALAS, AS A CRYSTAL-BALL
GAZER, HARRY OSBORN LEAVES
A LOT TO BE DESIRED...

CAN'T GO
BACK FEELING
LIKE THIS!



BUT, WORST OF
ALL...WHenever
I LOOK AT ANY-
THING...

THAT'S ALL I
NEEDED...
A CASE OF
DOUBLE
VISION!



WHAT'LL I DO
IF IT DOESN'T
CLEAR UP?

I CAN'T
EVEN BE SURE
WHAT I'M
LOOKING AT!

A THING
LIKE THIS
CAN MAKE ME
PRACTICALLY
HELPLESS!

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PLEASE SEND HULK SWEAT-SHIRTS

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HULK ☐ YOUTH ☐ ADULT

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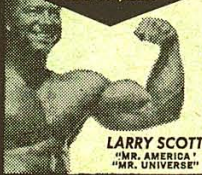
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NAME _____ ADDRESS _____ CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

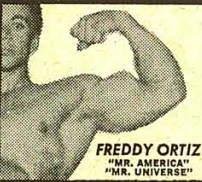
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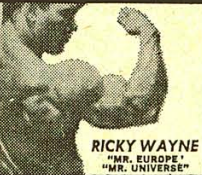
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"MR. UNIVERSE"

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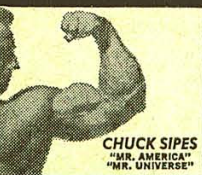
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"MR. AMERICA"
"MR. UNIVERSE"

Winner--Freddy stands 5'5", weighs 185 lbs. of rock-hard muscle. His arms measure 19" and he is considered the best-built man in the world. Yet he built his 195-lb. physique long before sending in the coupon! Why Not You?



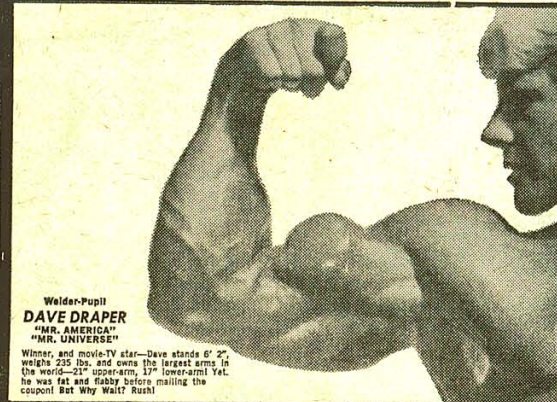
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"MR. UNIVERSE"

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"MR. UNIVERSE"

Winner--Chuck stands 6', weighs 225 lbs. and has a pair of 20" arms--among the strongest in the world! He was a 141-lb. weakling before sending in the free coupon! Now How About You?



WEIDER-PUPIL
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"MR. AMERICA"
"MR. UNIVERSE"

Winner and movie-TV star--Dave stands 6'2", weighs 235 lbs. and owns the largest arms in the world--21" upper-arm, 17" lower-arm! Yet he was fat and flabby before mailing the coupon! Bet Why Wait? Rush!

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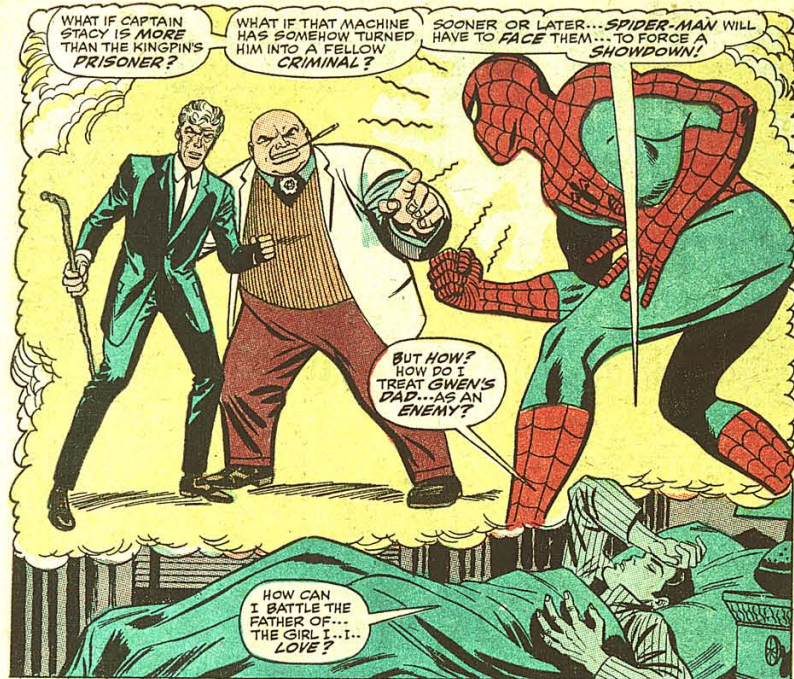
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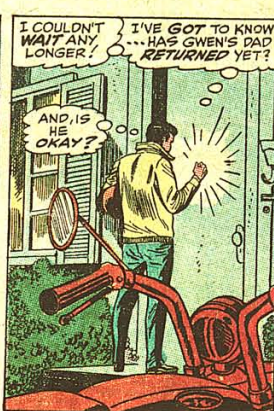
NO SENSE
DISTURBING
HARRY.
I'LL JUST
LET HIM
SLEEP.

THE LESS
EXPLAINING
I HAVE TO DO,
THE BETTER!



SLOWLY, PETE... SLOWLY!
TAKE IT EASY,
FELLA... TILL
YOUR VISIONS
OKAY AGAIN!

AT LEAST I
DON'T SEE
TWO IMAGES
ANY MORE!



I COULDN'T
WAIT ANY
LONGER!

I'VE GOT TO KNOW
...HAS GWEN'S DAD
RETURNED YET?

AND IS
HE
OKAY?



PETER!
I... NEVER
EXPECTED...!

WHERE'VE
YOU BEEN?
WHAT
HAPPENED
TO YOU?

IS YOUR
DAD HOME?

MAY I COME
IN FOR A
MINUTE?



IT'S A LONG
STORY...!

WOULDJA
BELIEVE...
FOREVER?

TRY
ME, MR.
PARKER!



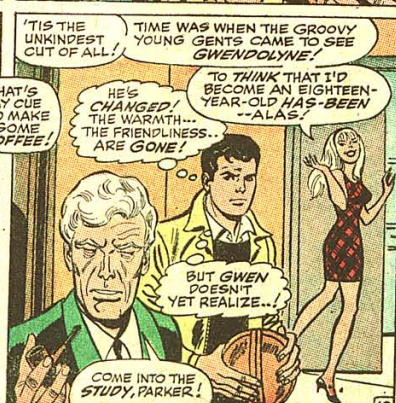
GOOD
EVENING,
YOUNG
MAN!

I THOUGHT I
HEARD
SOMEONE!

ISN'T IT RATHER
LATE
TO COME CALLING,
PARKER?

I'M
SORRY,
SIR!

BUT I HAVE SOME
... INFORMATION
... FOR YOU!



'TIS THE
UNKINDEST
CUT OF ALL!

TIME WAS WHEN THE GROOVY
YOUNG GENTS CAME TO SEE
GWENDOLYNE!

HE'S
CHANGED!
THE WARMTH...
THE FRIENDLINESS...
ARE GONE!

TO THINK THAT I'D
BECOME AN EIGHTEEN-
YEAR-OLD HAS BEEN
--ALAS!

BUT GWEN
DOESN'T
YET REALIZE...

COME INTO THE
STUDY, PARKER!



I'VE GOT TO BE CAUTIOUS!
I'LL FEEL HIM OUT SLOWLY!

EARLIER THIS EVENING... AT
THE GLOOM ROOM A-GO-
GO... I WENT BACKSTAGE
TO TAKE SOME PICTURES...

...AND I
DISCOVERED
THERE HAD
BEEN A
FIGHT!

WHAT HAS
THAT TO DO
WITH ME?



THERE ARE ALWAYS INCIDENTS
OCCURRING IN PLACES LIKE
THAT!

PEOPLE SOMETIMES DO
TOO MUCH CELEBRATING,
AND THEN THEIR TEMPER
FLARE UP!

IT WASN'T
THAT TYPE OF
FIGHT, SIR! IT
INVOLVED
SPIDER-MAN!
SPIDER-MAN!

YES, I
SAW HIM!

THAT'S WHY I
THOUGHT YOU'D
BE INTERESTED!



ARE YOU SURE THERE ISN'T
SOMETHING YOU'D LIKE TO
TELL ME, SIR?

LOOK,
PARKER... I DON'T
KNOW WHAT YOU'RE
GETTING AT... AND
WHAT'S MORE, I DON'T
LIKE IT!

I NEVER DID LIKE YOUNG
SNOOPS WHO COULDN'T
MIND THEIR OWN BUSINESS!
UNDERSTAND?



THERE'S NO DOUBT ABOUT IT!
SOMETHING'S HAPPENED TO
HIM... I'VE GOT TO FORCE
THE ISSUE!

OKAY... MAYBE
THE POLICE
WILL BE
INTERESTED!

OH NO
YOU
DON'T!

MY
SPIDER-
SENSE...
TINGLING!

IT'S WORSE
THAN I
THOUGHT...

HE'S ABOUT
TO ATTACK
ME!



STAY BACK, MR.
STACY! YOU DON'T
KNOW WHAT YOU'RE
DOING!

YOU'RE NOT WELL!
YOU NEED HELP...
MEDICAL HELP!

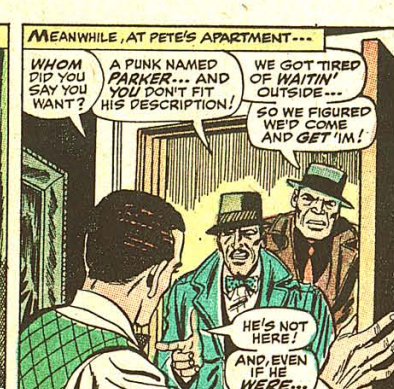
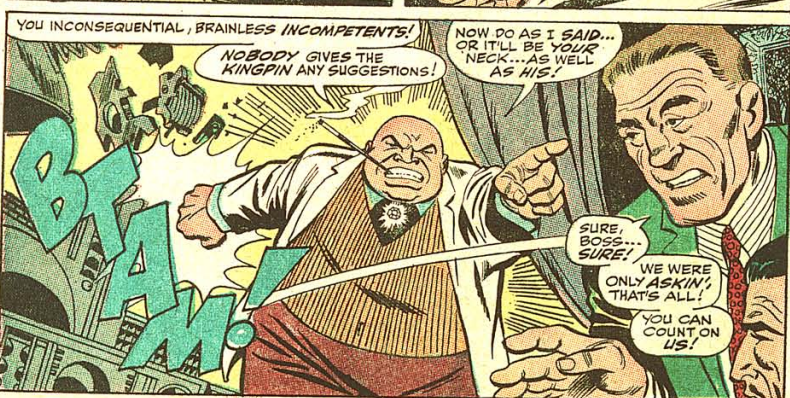
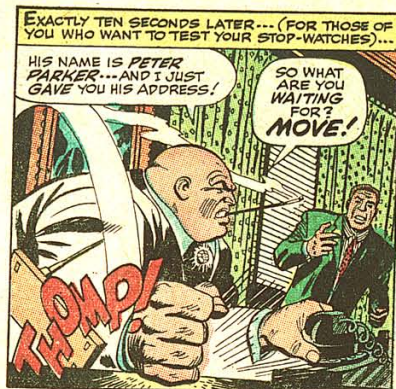
THAK!

OH, NO!
I FORGOT
MY OWN
STRENGTH!

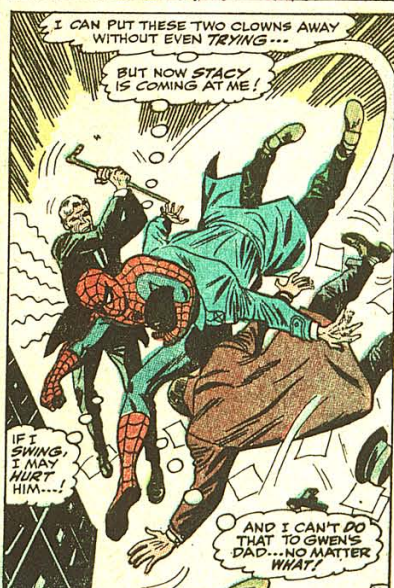
HE'S TOPPLING
BACK... ABOUT
TO FALL!

WHAT'LL I
DO... IF GWEN
HEARS THIS??





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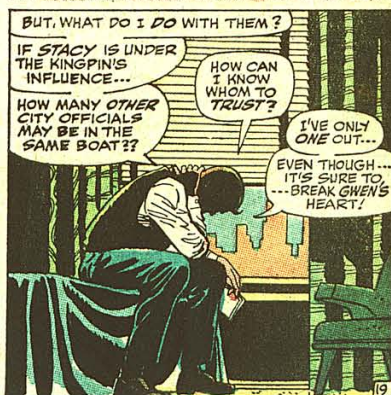
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Josh Zissman

6716 N. 17th St. R. Phila., Pa.

Our thanks to you, Josh, for a most worthwhile gesture and a grand idea. May we suggest that all our friends bring Marvel mags -- or indeed, ANY worthwhile periodicals -- to the nearest hospital as often as possible. You may not get a medal, but it's things like that which make life just a little bit nicer for others -- and isn't that really what it's all about?

MORE SURPRISES next ish -- plus the final rank of Marvelism for you to memorize and treasure for'er! But now, since we're running plumb outta room, let's bow our heads for the nonce and think tidy thoughts, as we get into the mood for our sermon of the month, delivered as usual by our grinnin' guru -- Smilin' Stan himself --!

STAN'S SOAPBOX

We TOLD you that Marvel would make '88 the year of the big changes, the big excitement, and the big surprises! Well, believe it or not, there's still more in store for you! We're another couple of new titles to announce on this page next ish -- and still more unexpected goodies to dangle before you as the months speed by! It's all part of a promise, a pledge we made a long time ago, when we vowed to continually improve the quality of comic magazines -- to make you proud to be a Marvelite. (Incidentally, didja know that more than a dozen college professors throughout America now use Marvel mags in their English Lit. courses as supplemental material! It's only a start -- but we're getting there, gang!) Anyway, we're presently working on a totally new magazine, one which may completely change the whole complexion of the comic book for us to expect it to be the most sensational success since Marvel's first burst upon the public awareness -- the impact of an H-bomb! Watch for clues in the months to come, and till we meet again -- let's be good to each other. There's gotta be SOME hope for a race that keeps reaching for the stars! -- Smiley

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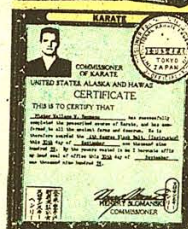
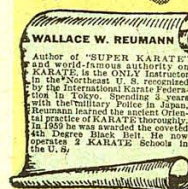
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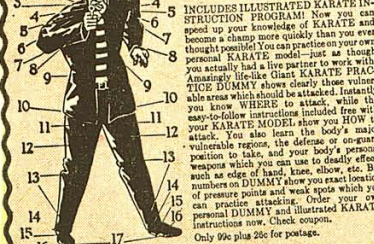
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Dear Stan and John,

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Tommy Rickman, 401 N.W. 6th St.
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You've been doing it the hard way, Tommy! Why not try going up in a space ship and getting pelted with some cosmic rays? They tell us it's sure fire!

Dear Stan and John,

Every day around my neighborhood seems like a day out of your Spidey comics, except that there are no super-villains like Doc Ock or the Vulture around. Believe it or not, my name is Peter Parker, and, of course, my favorite hero is the one and only Spider-Man. Now all I need is a friend named Harry, a girl named Gwen, an enemy named Electro and I'm all set. But I really wrote to tell you that I love Spidey and I hope you will keep on writing his exploits forever. What do you think my nickname is and what I'm called by all the kids? You guessed it! Spidey!

Peter Parker, 419 May St.
Bradock, Pa. 15230

Wooose, Pety-O — are we ever relieved! Until we read the last word — we were afraid your buddies might have tagged you Irving! Phew! Some guys have all the luck!

Dear Stan and John,

In answer to a rather irate letter writer in issue #56, I would like to put in a few words on your behalf. First, to start off, I am an avid fan of both Marvel and the other company mentioned. I don't believe your criticism of that company has ever gotten farther than the words, Brand Echh. While they have put you down left and right whenever they could get the chance. They used to be a fairly good company, but now they have stooped so low that even an ant couldn't be closer to the ground. While you have stayed at the top, ever improving and increasing your excellent mags. You don't have to make fun, as he said, to remain at the top. You don't make cracks about Brand Echh to be vicious as the competitor does, because undoubtedly, if you did, you would immediately go to the dogs. This indicates wise thinking. You have to have a lot of will power not to break into criticisms of them as they are doing to you. Both companies have good art and plots, but when I want the finest entertainment from comics — in art, action, story, and suspense — make mine Marvel!

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Will do, Rog! As a matter of fact, we wouldn't have it any other way! But what's this about Brand Echh (Oops! We forgot we weren't gonna call 'em that anymore!) ranking us out all the time? We never really looked at it that way! It always seemed to us that they were kidding around in a friendly way — just as we've done with them! Regardless, though, we'd like to just mark the whole situation 'nuff said and go on to more constructive topics of discussion — like the number of blossoming begonias in Aunt Petunia's Easter bonnet!

Dear Stan and John,

I would say, from reading the visible type in Jonah Jameson's newspaper's front page — reproduced in part as a background for the cover of issue #56 — that the Daily Bugle is badly in need of proof-readers and makeup men.

Not only does a story on the Pan-American games appear without a headline, but some type on a story about the effects of automation seems to have slipped into the body of the Spider-Man exposé story, rendering the whole story gibberish. The Bugle also needs new headline writers, and a new copy desk chief. Obviously, no deskman familiar with the bias of the publisher would have written, nor any copy chief approved, the headline: "Super-Hero Turns Bad." That Spider-Man is a menace has long been the Bugle's editorial stand. To Jameson, Spider-Man has not "turned" bad — he has always been bad. Additionally, to refer to Spider-Man as a super-hero without surrounding the hyphenated word with quotation marks to denote irony also appears to be against the paper's policy. A better headline would have been — "Super-Hero Proved Bad." To top the list of errors, the date of the newspaper is given as Saturday, Oct. 13, 1987. But Oct. 18 fell, of course, on a Wednesday. It is to be assumed that Mr. Jameson, despite his unlovely personality, is a professional enough newspaperman to rectify the bad situations in his editorial, mechanical and production departments — as even his most hypnotized subscribers will not put up with a paper that is simply unreadable.

Evann Crawley, 3100 W. Lyndale
Chicago, Ill. 60647

We won't argue that point, Evan — but, fortunately, there is an explanation! Since Groovy Gary Friedrich is a former newspaper editor, we put him in charge of getting the extra-edition ready for our cover! Unfortunately, of his many journalistic talents, we now know proof-reading is not one! Hooo-boy!

Dear Stan and John,

Not counting NOT BRAND ECHH, for the first time in the four years that I've been reading Marvel comics, you have done something which I cannot help but look at and cringe in the utter loathfulness of it. This deed is your treatment of Steve Gordon's letter in issue #56. You implied — no, you just about declared it in capital letters — that the people who read any comic besides yours need psychiatric help. I was shocked when I read this. If you read the United States Constitution, which you, in the past, seem to have supported so strongly, you'll find that it guarantees freedom of speech. By ridiculing this person in front of 325,000 fans, at least 100,000 of whom believe your every word, you have endangered Steve's constitutional rights. I am quite sure you understand. All I ask is that you apologize to him. If your answer does not admit your violation of his rights or if this is rewritten to make it seem like I forgive you in any way, you may consider your total circulation decreased by 150 comic books — this is the amount of Marvels that I buy each year.

Warren Blumh, D-57 Brook Dr.
Chester, N.J.

And we sure don't wanna lose your business, Warry! We can't afford it! So, we apologize — if we, in fact, did violate Steve's rights! Actually, we only thought we were good-naturedly telling him that we think our mags are better — nothing more! But if anyone's feelings are hurt, we're truly sorry! (Okay, Mr. B. — none will you forget about taking it to the Supreme Court?)

Dear Stan and John,

Wow! You guys have really gone far out this time. First you give Spidey amnesia, and then one by one here come the problems. Of course, I'm speaking of issue #57. Boy, the troubles that guy's got! You just don't have any heart. For 57 issues all you've got to show for it is a long line of problems, although I predict this one ought to turn out with some surprise endings. One of these I think will be that he was just unconscious when Ka-Zar pulled him out of the lake. Another is that when he recovers his memory, he will remember all the fuss Gwen put up just for Pete — I hope they get together. But it also brings up the problem that Gwen will hate Spidey. Oh well, I'm getting too confused so until Zabu gets tooth decay, I'll say 'nuff said!

Dan Boyle, 6207 Mark Dr.
Bedford Hills, Ohio

In that case, you're liable to be saying it for a long time — since Ka-Zar allows his saber-toothed pussyeat to brush with nothing but the fluoride toothpaste approved by the American Dental Association's Council on Dental Therapeutics — and the new, improved version at that! Anyway, by now you know that we were right about Spidey being unconscious — and that the problem-plagued Mr. Parker still hasn't exactly moved in under his lucky star! But don't give up hope! Next ish, his fortunes will probably really turn sour!

Dear Stan and John,

SPIDER-MAN #56 was just too much for words! The art was just great. This issue had a lot of action in it. Actually, when I was reading it I never thought I'd see Spidey committing a crime. Before this issue came out I thought that Spidey would turn against Doc Ock's crime-committing even though he had amnesia. I sure hope he gets his memory back before something else happens, because I have the feeling that he may need it. A few weeks ago I was reading a letter in a comic collector's magazine. It stated some very interesting things about Marvel Comics. Here is part of that letter: "Marvel's quality remains consistently high, with a few improvements and declines from month to month. . . . The FANTASTIC FOUR and SPIDER-MAN are their best (mags), while X-MEN, at the present, is their worst, due entirely to artists." Well, I disagree. I believe all Marvel mags are the best. Here is another part of that letter: "Stan Lee, editor of Marvel comics, was awarded one of comicdom's highest honors when he was named this year's best editor," and best writer in the field at the Academy convention." I'm real proud of you, Stan, and I hope that you will do even more of the same every year so that you can win more awards and can always be the best editor and writer! Pratha Scullion, 1760 E. Columbia Ave.
College Park, Georgia 30022

Well, we can't make any guarantees about the awards, Pratha — that's up to the Academy! What we can promise you, though, is that ol' Smiley and company will do their Bullpen bustin' best to continue to bring you the finest in comic mag entertainment! Now, who says the Marvel Age of Comics can't last forever?

Dear Stan and John,

I caught Stan's interview over WFMU and thought it was simply fab! But to get down to business, I would like to say I really enjoyed SPIDER-MAN #56. It was a startling development to see Spidey lose his memory. John's artwork is really superb. I must mention that on page 20, panel 4 where Spidey's left-hand webbing is projecting in mid-air, it sticks to nothing! Look at the left hand portion — there's no building! To get to the question of Peter's personality, I think he should be a swinger as opposed to a square. After all, times are changing and Spider-Man should change with the times. Pete's life is more exciting, and it would be really depressing to see Pete become a

wallflower again. Pete is a symbol of our generation, so you should keep him as you have him now. Of course keep on giving him problems — that's Spidey's style. Well, until Doc Ock marries Aunt May, Nough Cedit!

Jeff Yablonska, 36 Nassau Rd.
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And, until a certain Jeff Yablonska learns how to spell, faze frunt! As for Spidey sticking with the swingin' style he's developed over the past few months, we couldn't agree more than that it's currently what's happening! We can't make any promises as to what the future will bring our favorite wall-crawler, though! Who knows, Aunt May's next heart attack might change Pete's life again — like, maybe he'll become a motorcycle outlaw! Oh, and about that webbing — it just hadn't reached what it was going to stick to yet! Can't you give us a measly couple of seconds? Sheesh!

Dear Stan and John,

What has fascinated me over the period of time I've been reading your SPIDER-MAN feature is its entirely new story line. Before the advent of Spider-Man, all you could see on the stands were the stories about the great superhero who was from the planet Flibbityg and could lick an army of 10,000 with nine fingers tied behind his back. Sincerely, it was rather dull; the artwork was, and they had the marvy idea of cramming four stories into one 20-page issue. Very, very mass-produced. Then Peter Parker took the world by a storm! The idea was revolutionary; an 18-year-old science major in high school who was bitten by a radioactive spider during a class experiment. Now right there you have the makings of one of those Channel 7, six o'clock science fiction movies like "Floogie the Super Ape Eats Allentown, Pa. — Stop Him Before He Eats Kutztown!" But even with the first issue you developed what is cheerfully known as the "gimmick." Parker is only 18, and the powers of a super spider take a lot of maturity. It's a big step for one so unprepared. And I must say you jumped at it with all the valves open and full steam ahead. First Peter (Everytime Gwen or Mary Jane says "Pete!" I die a little!) decides to get-rich-quick by working in a circus or some such; but his uncle is killed by a hood who passes Peter while the lad is merrily counting his week's pay in the hall. So Peter Parker apprehends the crook in some dank alley and pledges his life to fight crime. (It may sound like I'm criticizing, but I'm not.) But now we come to the real meat of Spider-Man's success. That is darling J. Jonah Jameson, who is comicdom's Long John Nebel. This is the only flaw in the whole plot. A few issues ago we learned why Jameson hates Spider-Man — because he is jealous of him. Now this is weak. J.J.J. doesn't have to take out his frustrations on S-M. Why not the Fantastic Four or Daredevil? Why pick on poor Peter? This is really the only flimsy part of the plot. Nevertheless, I'm convinced that it is Jameson who gives SPIDER-MAN its wide appeal among all age groups. Jameson is the readers' personification of the teacher who assigns too much homework, the neighborhood bully, or the mean man behind the cash register in the supermarket. He is, to coin a phrase, the villain. J. Jonah Jameson has a personal vendetta against Spidey — and he wraps his editorials around Spider-Man's throat. He has a firm grip on your readers' throats, too. And he won't let go, either.

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Bronx, New York 10467

You're darned straight he won't! If he's the one who has you Spiderphiles hooked, we're gonna let him keep you that way! As a matter of fact, if he's really that great, maybe we could put a costume on him and change him into . . . would'ja believe Triple-J Man? Oh well, at least it'd beat having to read his editorials over a glass of instant breakfast every morning!

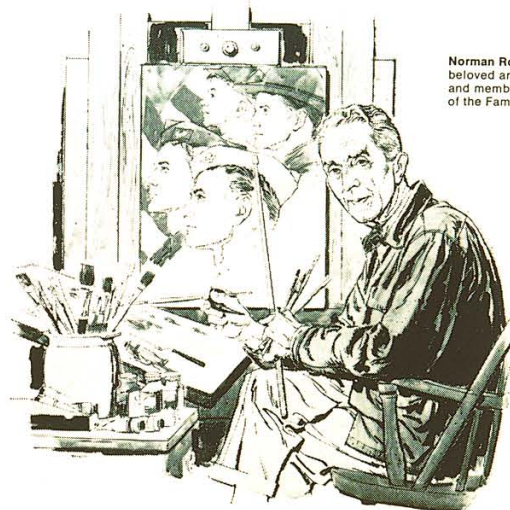
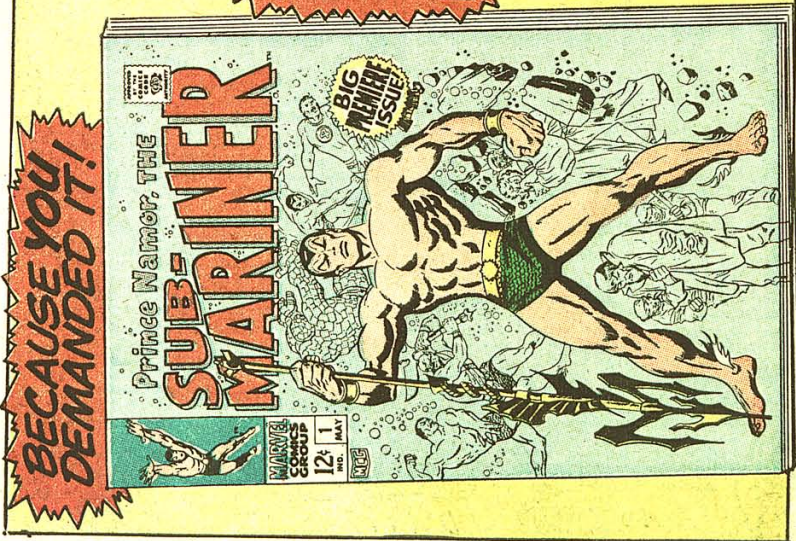
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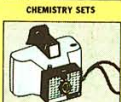
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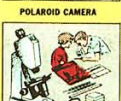
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